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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
November 12, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Vice President
Mr. G. Burton German, Treasurer
Mr. George Piperno, Secretary
Mr. Ronald Johnson, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Other Attendees:

Michael A. Saraceni, COO
Craig Campbell, Superintendent
Richard Spafford, P.E.
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Brandy Eisenmann
Carol Feriozzi

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
All Commissioners were present.
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Budget Documents sent to State of New Jersey

Mr. Saraceni stated that the budget documents were sent to the State and that we are now awaiting the State's response. The Budget will be adopted at the December Commission Meeting. Mr. Saraceni also thanked Mr. Johnson for his help in reviewing the budget documents.

Water Rates/Rate Structure-discussion-Rates/Connection Fee Hearing 12/10/15

Mr. Spafford stated that staff has been considering various rate structures and that he is continuing to adjust some of the rates/connection fees pursuant to ongoing analysis. The staff's proposal for rate adjustments will be formally presented at the hearing scheduled for December 10, 2015. He further referenced that the definition for owner-occupied, single-family was being clarified to reflect that a critical component was that the customer was "individually metered" which has always been a factor in practice.

A member of the public, Ms. Geri Tabako was in attendance and the President adjusted the agenda to open at this point for public participation. Ms. Tabako questioned regarding the billing as to the condominiums where she resides and the distinction in rate classification. The condominium association, Avignon is the MPWC customer and is billed by the MPWC as a multi-unit facility and therefore the residents are not billed as single family dwellings, though some may be individually owner-occupied as they are billed by the Association. A discussion ensued and it was explained to Ms. Tabako that in order for individual properties to be charged as single family the property and dwelling must be property owned by a single MPWC customer with their own meter. It was then explained that the MPWC provides meters to the single family dwellings but that each property owner is responsible for all piping and plumbing once it leaves our Main.

Service Line Protection-update

Ms. Eisenmann stated to-date there are 1062 households enrolled in Service Line protection. She stated that HomeServe's initial projection is to enroll 20% of MPWC customers.

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MPWC Article Published-NJAWWA-Pipeline-Social Media

Mr. Saraceni informed the Commissioners shared with the Commissioners the article written by our own Sean Fitzgerald about Social Media published in the NJAWWA paper-Pipeline. It was suggested that the some of the points made in the article could be utilized in future MPWC literature.

Woodbine Pilot Program-Report

Mr. Spafford stated that the Woodbine Pilot study report was completed and both systems are shut down and are scheduled for removal. He stated that iron and manganese levels are well below NJDEP limits and lower than all of our other plants. Therefore, we recommend not moving forward yet and that he would continue to monitor conditions/results.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of October 8, 2015 was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno ; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills dated November 12, 2015 with the exception of Pennsauken Township was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Johnson; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Motion to approve payment of bills dated November 12, 2015 to Pennsauken Township was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno; **a unanimous roll call vote, with Mr. Scavuzzo abstaining.**

Correspondence – Pennsauken High School Scholarship Letter

Meeting Open to the Public:

Meeting was Re-opened to the public at 6:28 PM. None present at this time.

Staff Reports:

Chief Operating Officer:

Mr. Saraceni stated that the NJUA insurance fund paid out dividends to this Commission of \$25,450 for the year. He also stated that he had a meeting on November 13th with Connor Strong to discuss healthcare benefits options, providing a status report.

Superintendent:

Mr. Campbell stated that there were 2 water main breaks which occurred at Walnut Ave and Horner/Harvey.

Engineer:

Mr. Spafford stated that each Commissioner was given a handout with proposed Water Regulation Definitions which can be discussed at a later time, in order to give Commissioners time to review.

General Counsel:

Mr. McConnell stated regarding antennae leases that he received an Access Agreement from Verizon to conduct a Phase II environmental at National Highway to which he responded and is currently awaiting Verizon's answers. He no longer is confident that this will go to a bid opening by February.

Mr. McConnell also stated that there was no response on Marion yet and he anticipates delays.

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Informational

- HomeServe – marketing pieces in distribution

New Business:

Motion to go out to Annual Maintenance and Supply Bids necessary for 2016 . Motion: Mr. German, 2nd By Mr. Brennan: **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Motion to approve to sell on GovDeals property no longer of use to The MPWC. Motion: Mr. German, 2nd By Mr. Johnson: **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Motion to authorization expenditure for Pennsauken High School Scholarships awards. Motion: Mr. German, 2nd By Mr. Johnson: **a unanimous roll call vote.**

New Services:

3539 Finlaw Street-New Residential-1" service

Crescent Memorial Park- 1" irrigation line

7014 Collins Avenue- New residential-1" Service

Motion to approve new services. Motion: Mr. German, 2nd By Mr. Brennan: **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Project Status Table

Mr. Scavuzzo suggested taking the Strategic Planning Meeting off the Project Status Table.

Commissioners Reports / Discussions / Comments

Mr. Brennan said that he enjoyed the Strategic Planning Meeting and that he learned a lot. He also stated that some MPWC infrastructure is over 100 years old and we need to rebuild the Infrastructure with current low interest rates. He suggested that options be considered and a discussion ensued that concluded that Mr. Saraceni and Staff would identify potential projects and pursue options for long-term financing.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. German each in turn agreed as to the value of that meeting and that the comradery was great. Mr. German stated that he felt rejuvenated regarding his service to the MPWC.

Mr. Piperno echoed those comments. He also asked for and received an explanation of the Superintendent charts (threatened/depleted zones).

Mr. Scavuzzo stated that he enjoyed the Strategic Planning Meeting and then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and individual salary recommendations at 7:00 PM. **A Roll call returned a unanimous vote.**

The Commissioners returned to public session at 7:41 PM.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by,
Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni